

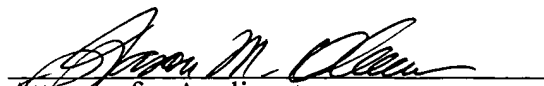
B. Remarks

Applicants have stated on page 9 of the Amendment filed on August 3, 2004 that the claims have been amended to specifically exclude acetone from the claimed fuel composition. To clarify this statement, Applicants note that the claims have been amended to exclude acetone from the definition of the oxygen-containing component, i.e., to specifically exclude acetone, which is a ketone with a total of three carbon atoms, from the list of the required ingredients. It is clear that the claims as presently amended cover a fuel composition in which acetone may be present. However, in addition to acetone, such a fuel composition must contain an oxygen-containing component comprising at least two different oxygen-containing organic compounds comprising in total at least four different oxygen-containing functional groups as defined in claim 1. Acetone is simply not considered to be a part of the required oxygen-containing component.

Favorable consideration of the claims and expedient passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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